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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re the Application of

Hideaki YAMANAKA et al.

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Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

For:

In reply to the April 5, 2004 Office Action, please consider the following:

Amendments to the Claims as reflected in the listing of claims; and

Remarks.